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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))**  
(Regular application claiming priority of a provisional)

Commissioner for Patents  
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Washington, DC 20231

Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors:  
**Dean R.E. Long**

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LOCKING OBJECTS USING SHARED LOCKS**

Assigned to: Sun Microsystems, Inc.

Priority of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/208,026 filed on May 30, 2000 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

**Application Elements:**

- ☒ **24** Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract  
☒ **8** Sheets of formal Drawings  
☒ Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney  
☐ Separate Declaration

**Accompanying Application Parts:**

- ☐ Do not publish this application. Nonpublication Request is attached.  
☒ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)  
☐ Separate Power of Attorney by Assignee  
☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee  
☐ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449  
☐ Copies of IDS Citations  
☐ Preliminary Amendment  
☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

☐ Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

	(Col. 1) Total Claims		(Col. 2) Claims	(Col. 3) Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
TOTAL	20	MINUS	20	= 0	x 18	0
INDEP.	4	MINUS	3	= 1	x 80	80.00
[ ] First presentation of multiple dependent claim					\$270	0
Basic Filing Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(a)					\$710	710.00
TOTAL						790.00
SMALL ENTITY 50% FILING FEE REDUCTION (if applicable)						N/A

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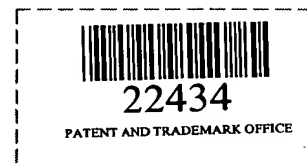
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General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)

☒ Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR §1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. SUN1P279).

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